

**ABSTRACT**

**Apparatus for receiving audio-visual programs**

The present invention relates to an apparatus for receiving audio-visual programs comprising a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bi-directional communication network, wherein the apparatus comprises:

- a first connector comprising at least one conductor for the transmission of a supply voltage (V<sub>BUS</sub>) originating from the master apparatus,
- at least one second connector allowing the connection of at least one peripheral,
- a splitter connected on the one hand to the first and second connectors and on the other hand to a controller managing the mode of operation of the connectors in relation to the apparatus,
- means of detection of the presence of the supply voltage in the first connector, the means of detection being linked to the first connector and generating a switching control signal on the appearance of the supply voltage (V<sub>BUS</sub>) to a switching circuit, so as to switch the apparatus from a first mode of operation to a second mode of operation.

Fig. 1B